

**Chambers of Bankruptcy Judge (visiting) William V. Altenberger**

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**William V. Altenberger**  
Bankruptcy Judge (visiting)

Date of Birth: 1935  
Education: Illinois 1957 BS, 1963 LLB  
Began Service: May 2000

**Affiliation:** Bankruptcy Judge (recalled), Chambers of Bankruptcy Judge (recalled) William V. Altenberger, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of Illinois

**Judicial:** Bankruptcy Judge (visiting), United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Indiana

**Legal Practice:** Kavanagh, Scully, Sudow, White & Frederick (1964-1985)

**Military Service:** United States Air Force (1957-1960)

**Chambers of Bankruptcy Judge (visiting) Gerald D. Fines**

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**Gerald D. Fines**  
Bankruptcy Judge (visiting)

Date of Birth: 1940  
Education: Eastern Illinois 1965 BS, 1967 MS; Kentucky 1970 JD  
Began Service: August 19, 1987  
Term Expires: August 18, 2015

**Affiliation:** Bankruptcy Judge, Chambers of Bankruptcy Judge Gerald D. Fines, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of Illinois

**Academic:** Instructor, Commercial Law, Eastern Illinois University (1966-1967)

**Government:** Deputy Director and Acting Director, Office of the United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice (1970-1976); United States Attorney, Central District of Illinois, United States Department of Justice (1977-1986)

**Judicial:** Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of Illinois (1987-2000)

**Legal Practice:** Giffin, Winning, Linder, Cohen & Bodewes

**Military Service:** United States Army (1958-1960)

**Current Memberships:** The District of Columbia Bar; Illinois State Bar Association; Kentucky Bar Association

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**Chambers of Bankruptcy Judge (visiting) James K. Coachys**

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**James K. Coachys**  
Bankruptcy Judge (visiting)

Date of Birth: 1946  
Education: Butler 1969 BS; Indiana 1974 JD

**Affiliation:** Bankruptcy Judge, Chambers of Bankruptcy Judge James K. Coachys, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Indiana

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**Judicial:** Juvenile Magistrate, Johnson Circuit Court (1987-1989); Judge, Johnson Superior Court No. 1 (1989-2000); Bankruptcy Judge (visiting), United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Illinois (2000-2005)

**Legal Practice:** Jones, Loveall & Coachys (1974-1979); Coachys, Hass & Denslaw (1979-1987)

**Military Service:** United States Army Reserve, United States Department of the Army (1969-1976)

**Current Memberships:** The Seventh Circuit Bar Association, Federal Bar Association; Indianapolis Bar Association; Johnson County Bar Association; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges

**Chambers of Bankruptcy Judge (visiting) Pamela Pepper**

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**Pamela Pepper**  
Bankruptcy Judge (visiting)

Education: Northwestern 1986 BS; Cornell 1989 JD

**Affiliation:** Chief Bankruptcy Judge, Chambers of Chief Bankruptcy Judge Pamela Pepper, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk, United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit (1989-1990)

**Government:** Assistant U.S. Attorney, United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois (1990-1994); Assistant U.S. Attorney, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin (1994-1997)

**Legal Practice:** Attorney, Private Practice (1997-2005)

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**Philip P. Simon**  
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: July 7, 1962  
Education: Iowa 1984 BA; Indiana 1987 JD  
Began Service: March 31, 2003  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Government:** Assistant U.S. Attorney, Indiana Northern District, United States Attorney's Office, United States Department of Justice, George H.W. Bush Administration (1990-1997); Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, United States Attorney's Office, United States Department of Justice, William J. Clinton Administration (1997-1999); Assistant U.S. Attorney and Chief, Criminal Division, Northern District of Indiana, United States Attorney's Office, United States Department of Justice, William J. Clinton Administration (1999-2003)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Kirkland & Ellis LLP (1987-1990)

**Nonprofit:** Adjunct Professor of Law, School of Law, Valparaiso University (1996-1997); Adjunct Professor of Law, School of Law, Valparaiso University (1999-2000)

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**Robert L. Miller, Jr.**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1950  
Education: Northwestern 1972 BA; Indiana 1975 JD  
Began Service: January 1986  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Robert A. Grant, United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana (1975)

**Judicial:** Judge, St. Joseph Superior Court, St. Joseph County (1975-1986)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; The American Law Institute; Indiana State Bar Association; Saint Joseph County Bar Association

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**Theresa L. Springmann**  
District Judge

Education: Indiana 1977 BA; Notre Dame 1980 JD  
Began Service: June 24, 2003

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable James T. Moody, United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana (1980-1984)

**Judicial:** Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana (1995-2003)

**Legal Practice:** Partner and Member, Spangler, Jennings, Spangler & Dougherty (1984-1995)

**Current Memberships:** Allen County Bar Association; American Bar Association; The American Inns of Court; Federal Bar Association; Indiana State Bar Association

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**Joseph S. Van Bokkelen**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1943  
Education: Indiana 1966 BA, 1969 JD  
Began Service: July 20, 2007  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Government:** Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, State of Indiana (1969-1970); Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, State of Indiana (1971-1972); Assistant U.S. Attorney, Indiana - Northern District, United States Department of Justice (1972-1975)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Wilson, Donnesberger, Van Bokkelen and Reid (1975-1978); Partner, Goodman, Ball, Van Bokkelen and Leonard (1978-2001)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Calumet American Inns of Court; Federal Bar Association; Indiana State Bar Association

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